

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:  
a main unit having an image forming section  
configured to form an image on a paper sheet;

5 an image reading section located just above the  
main unit, and configured to read a document image;

an ejection space defined between a bottom of the  
image reading section and the image forming section,  
the ejection space having an opening at a front of the  
10 main unit;

an ejection tray cover defining a bottom of the  
ejection space and configured to receive a paper sheet  
ejected from the image forming section, the ejection  
tray cover covering the image forming section;

15 a recess formed in a front portion of the ejection  
tray cover; and

a front cover configured to open and close a front  
of the main unit, the front cover having an upper edge,  
the upper edge and the recess cooperating with each  
20 other to provide a handle section when the upper edge  
and the recess oppose each other.

2. The image forming apparatus according to  
claim 1, wherein the recess opposes a substantially  
middle portion of the front cover in a width direction  
25 thereof.

3. The image forming apparatus according to  
claim 1, wherein;

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the front cover has a first holder at an end  
portion and a second holder at another end portion,  
the first and second holders forming holding means  
5 for holding the front cover on the main unit; and  
the recess is located between the first and second  
holders of the front cover.

4. The image forming apparatus according to any  
one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a vertical distance  
10 between an upper edge of the front cover and a bottom  
of the recess is not less than 0.3 mm.